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(54) A FEEDING OUT DEVICE FOR A MATERIAL WEB WITHDRAWABLE FROM A ROLL.

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Description

The present invention relates to a feeding out device for use with a roll of material web, particularly a paper web, said web being such that its weight is sufficient to cause the web to unwind from the roll, when the roll is in vertical position, said feeding out device having means for supporting the roll in vertical position, and being provided with an opening at its lower end from which the web can be dispensed. The invention also relates to a roll to be used with such a feeding out device.

Feeding out devices, so called dispensers, for paper webs wound on a roll, which are unwound from the inside of the roll through one end of the central hollow space of the roll are known in many embodiments. One disadvantage of these known dispensers is that the paper web often is in wound condition — not planar — when withdrawing it from the dispenser for tearing it off, which considerably makes the handling of the paper more difficult.

Another disadvantage with the known dispensers is that when "loading" it with a new roll, or if the paper is torn off inside the dispenser, the withdrawal of the paper end is complicated and hazardous because the hand has to be inserted into the dispenser from the bottom and might be in touch with the sharp edge at the outlet of the dispenser.

SE-B-304 363 refers to such a feeding out device comprising a housing adapted to carry a roll of material web standing vertically on the bottom wall of the housing, said bottom wall having a narrow opening allowing the web to be pulled therethrough, but preventing the separate material layers from unintentional unwinding through gravitation.

WO 81/02880 describes a holder for a roll of web material, wherein the web is unwound from inside the roll and pulled out through an opening equipped with tearing off members and provided at the upper side of the holder.

US-A-4 332 324 discloses a roll of fibrous material, where the tail is secured to underlaying layers by very small punched out tabs of each layer pushed into openings in the underlaying layer, said openings being made by needles penetrating into a number of underlaying layers. The tail of the web is thereby prevented from unintentional unwinding, but pulling the tail will result in the tail being pulled from succeeding layers without the outer layer being torn off.

The object of present invention is to provide a feeding out device, especially for paper qualities for which the paper falls by gravitation, and which device has a simple construction and is cheap to produce, which feeds the paper out in planar state and always unwinds the same feeding out quantity, which is comfortable to operate, which minimizes the risk for injuries at tearing off, and which is easy to "load" with a new roll. These functions are provided by that the feeding out device is provided with at least one spring-loaded stop

arm, which under influence of said spring-load is pressed against the wall of said roll thus preventing the web from freely unwinding from the roll, said stop arm being displaceable by means of an operating arm against the action of said spring-load from its contact with the wall of said roll thereby releasing the web for dispensing.

The roll to be used with a feeding out device having means for supporting the roll in vertical position, and at its lower end being provided with an opening from which the web can be dispensed, and which web is such that its weight is sufficient to cause the web to unwind from the roll, when the roll is in vertical position, and where means further are provided to apply on the roll an arresting force preventing the web from freely unwinding from the roll, is characterized in that the arresting force is provided by means arranged radially along or adjacent at least one end surface of the roll and such that it acts upon each layer of web, thus ensuring that after tearing away of the web from the position of action of such means, the web can unwind freely until next encounter of said arresting means.

Further preferred embodiments of the invention according to Claim 1 and 4 are defined in dependent Claims 2—3 and 6—8 respectively.

Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 shows in perspective a feeding out device according to the invention, partly in section.

Figure 2 shows in perspective a modified paper roll intended for the feeding out device according to figure 1.

Figure 3 shows a view analogous to figure 2 of a further variant of a paper roll.

Figure 4 shows a modified embodiment of the in figure 1 shown feeding out device, partly in section.

Figure 5 shows a section through a third variant of the feeding out device.

Figure 6 shows in perspective a paper roll provided with a force generating means acting upon the roll.

Figure 7 is a section through a fourth embodiment of the feeding out device.

Figure 8 shows in perspective the feeding out device illustrated in figure 7.

Description of the Embodiments

The feeding out device according to the embodiment shown in figure 1 consists of a "disk-shaped" holder 11 provided with a central inner opening 12, which is surrounded by a seat 13 for a vertically positioned paper roll 14. At the disk 11 there is arranged a bracket-like attachment 15, by which the feeding out device can be hung on a wall. The disk 11 is further formed with a ring-shaped groove 16, in which the open edge 17 of a cover 18 is placeable. The cover is preferably made by a transparent plastic material, so that the roll 14 inside the cover can be observed. The cover 18 is locked to the disk 11 in a suitable way, and such a way is shown in figure 1, where the

edge 17 of the cover, provided with a flange, is held in position by a ring-shaped nut 19. A tear-off edge is indicated with the numeral 20.

The paper web 21 of the roll 14 is unwinded from the inner of the roll by the end part 22 of the paper web 21 passing through the inner hollow space 23 of the roll. To prevent the paper web from reeling off by falling out by gravitation there is a force acting upon the paper web, said force arresting the paper web to the roll. First after the force is overcome a decided amount of paper can be reeled off from the roll, until a force arrests the paper track to the roll again and stops continued reeling off. At the embodiment shown in figure 1 this force is provided by an adhesive power, which should be a little less than the tearing strength of the paper web or if the paper web is provided with perforations serving as fractural indications, the adhesive power should be less than the tensile strength of said fractural indications. The adhesive power is suitably provided by a string 24 of an adhesive material, which is positioned radially above one, preferably the upper, end face 25 of the roll 14. The adhesive string 24 is positioned and has such an extension that it acts upon each paper web layer. Of course, more than one such adhesive string 24 can be placed on one or even both end faces 25.

Thus, when tearing off the paper web from the roll the adhesive string 24 will stop the continued unwinding of the web when the manual pulling force on the paper web has ceased.

Instead of an adhesive string the adhesive power can also be provided by means of a deformation zone 26, which has been provided by a groove or the like which has been pressed into the end face of the roll 14 to provide a mechanical adhesion between the separate paper web layers, as shown in figure 2. The adhesion power need not be placed on one or both ends of the roll 14, but can also be provided by adhesive spots 27 distributed on equal distances, which arrests the paper web layers to each other according to what is shown in figure 3.

In the embodiment according to figure 4 the force, which arrests the end part of the paper track to the roll, is mechanically provided by means of a stop arm 28, which is pivotally supported at the roof 29 of the cover 18. Suitably the stop arm 28 is made integral with the cover, and the hinge is formed as a plastic hinge. The stop arm 28 is effected by a leaf spring 30, which presses the stop arm to bear against the inner paper web 21 of a paper roll 14 and the entire roll to bear against a holder-on 31, which is a part of the cover 18. Integrated with the stop arm 28 there is arranged an operating arm 32, by which the stop arm is turned from its arresting position against the inner paper web 21 of the roll 14, so the paper web can be freely unwinded from the roll. As soon as the press against the operating arm 32 is ceased the stop arm will be turned back to bear against the inside of the roll and a continued unwinding will be stopped. It is also possible to make the stop arm 28 separated from the oper-

ating arm 32 and to design the latter, so it only momentarily lifts the stop arm, which lets a decided length of the paper web out.

When loading the feeding out device, the cover 18 shall be lifted from the disk 11, after which a new roll is placed on the same. The cover is tipped over the roll 14 and the operating arm 32 is pressed in so the stop arm 28 can be inserted into the hollow space 23 of the roll 14.

In this embodiment the spring power from the leaf spring 30 can be much bigger than the tearing or tensile strength of the paper web, because the feeding out of the paper web is regulated with the operating arm 32.

In the embodiment according to figure 5 the paper web is kept inside the free end part 22 in the same way as in figure 4 by a leaf spring 33, but the spring effects directly on the paper roll 14. By means of an operating arm 34 the spring 33 can be locked in a folded out position, in which the spring is not effecting on the roll, for instance when a new roll is to be placed into the feeding out device. By displacing the operating arm 34 upwards in a slot in the cover, the spring 33 is released to press against the inner envelope surface of the roll 14. To provide a guide for the roll to the right position in the cover, the cover is provided with tapering guide surfaces 35, which also are holder-ons against spring force, provided by the spring 33.

The force arresting the material track to the roll can besides through adhesion also be mechanically mounted directly on the paper roll, as demonstrated in the embodiment according to figure 6, where the force is provided by a press member formed by an U-formed spring wire 36. From each shank end there extends one angularly bent arm 37 and 38, one of which 37 by means of a tape is fixed to the roll 14, while the other arm 38 by the spring force bears against the inside of the roll.

A simplified embodiment of the fixing arrangements of the disk 11 and the cover 18 is shown in the embodiment according to the figures 7 and 8, where on diametrically opposite sides of the ringshaped groove 16 of the disk, there are arranged a tongue 40 and a locking member 42. By means of a key 43 or the like a lock bolt 41 can be turned into the groove 16 and over the edge 17 of the cover, provided with a flange, so that the cover cannot be taken away without admittance.

The invention is not limited to the shown and described embodiments, but several variations and combinations therebetween are possible within the scope of the claims. Therefore, the reeling off of the paper web from the roll need not necessarily be done from the inside, but can also be done from the outside of the roll. In this case the roll is suitably fixed through the centre hole to a pin extending vertically downwards from the top of the cover on which pin the roll is threaded and fixed.

Claims

1. A feeding out device for use with a roll (14) of material web (21), said web being such that its weight is sufficient to cause the web to unwind from the roll, when the roll is in vertical position, said feeding out device having means (13) for supporting the roll in vertical position, and being provided with an opening (12) at its lower end from which the web can be dispensed, characterized therein, that the feeding out device is provided with at least one spring-loaded stop arm (28; 33), which under influence of said spring-load is pressed against the inner or outer wall of said roll (14) thus preventing the web from freely unwinding from the roll, said stop arm (28; 33) being displaceable by means of an operating arm (34; 32) against the action of said spring-load from its contact with the wall of said roll thereby releasing the web for dispensing.

2. A feeding out device as claimed in claim 1, characterized therein, that the spring-loaded arm (28; 33) is arranged to press against the upper end of the roll (14).

3. A feeding out device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized therein, that the feeding out device further comprises a guiding member (31; 35) guiding the roll (14) in a direction opposed to the that in which the spring-loaded arm (28; 33) presses against the roll.

4. A roll (14) of material web (21) for use with a feeding-out device having means (13) for supporting the roll in vertical position, and at its lower end being provided with an opening (12) from which the web can be dispensed, said web being such that its weight is sufficient to cause the web to unwind from the roll, when the roll is in vertical position, means (24; 26; 27; 36) further being provided to apply on the roll an arresting force preventing the web from freely unwinding from the roll, characterized therein, that the arresting force is provided by means (24; 26; 27; 36) arranged radially along or adjacent at least one end surface of the roll (14) and such that it acts upon each layer of web, thus ensuring that after tearing away of the web from the position of action of such means, the web can unwind freely until next encounter of said arresting means.

5. A roll as claimed in claim 4, characterized therein, that the means providing the arresting force is provided by a string (24) of adhesive material attached to one or both end faces (25) of the roll (14), and acting upon each separate web layer.

6. A roll as claimed in claim 4, characterized therein, that the means providing the arresting force acting upon the web (21) is provided by at least one deformation zone (26) extending preferably radially over at least one end face (25) of the roll (14).

7. A roll as claimed in claim 4, characterized therein, that the means providing the arresting force acting upon the web (21) is provided by adhesive spots (27) applied on the web preferably equidistant from each other.

8. A roll as claimed in claim 4, characterized therein, that the means providing the arresting force is provided by a spring wire (36) fitted to the roll (14) and adapted to press in radial direction against the web.

Patentansprüche

1. Ausgabevorrichtung für eine von einer Rolle (14) abwickelbare Materialbahn (21), wobei das Gewicht der Materialbahn ausreicht, um die Bahn von der Rolle abzuwickeln, wenn die Rolle senkrecht gelagert ist, mit einer die Rolle in senkrechter Position tragenden Einrichtung (13) und einer Öffnung (12) an ihrer Unterseite, aus der die Bahn ausgebbar ist, gekennzeichnet dadurch, daß die Ausgabevorrichtung mit mindestens einem gefederten Sperrarm (28; 33) versehen ist, der unter der Wirkung der Federkraft gegen die Innen- oder Außenwand der Rolle (14) gedrückt wird und dadurch verhindert, daß die Bahn frei beweglich von der Rolle abwickelbar ist, wobei der Sperrarm (28; 33) mit Hilfe eines der Federkraft entgegengewirkenden Betätigungsarms (34; 32) aus der Stellung, in der er mit der wand der Rolle in Kontakt steht, entfernbar ist, um die Bahn zur Ausgabe freizugeben.

2. Ausgabevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der federbeaufschlagte Arm (28; 33) so angeordnet ist, daß er einen Druck gegen das obere Ende der Rolle (14) ausübt.

3. Ausgabevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Ausgabevorrichtung darüberhinaus eine Führungseinrichtung (31; 35) aufweist, mit der die Rolle (14) in einer Richtung entgegengesetzt zur Richtung, in der der federbeaufschlagte Arm (28; 33) gegen die Rolle drückt, geführt ist.

4. Eine für eine Ausgabevorrichtung mit einer Einrichtung (13) zur Aufnahme der Rolle in senkrechter Stellung und an ihrer Unterseite mit einer Öffnung (12) zur Ausgabe der Bahn erforderliche Rolle (14) mit einer Materialbahn (21), deren Bahn schwer genug ist, um sich von der Rolle abzuwickeln, wenn die Rolle senkrecht gelagert ist, und an der darüber hinaus Vorrichtungen (24; 26; 27; 36) vorgesehen sind, um eine Sperrkraft auf die Rolle auszuüben, so daß sich die Rolle nicht selbsttätig abwickeln kann, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Sperrkraft durch radial entlang oder neben mindestens einer Endfläche der Rolle (14) angebrachte Vorrichtungen (24; 26; 27; 36) ausgeübt wird, und derart auf jede Lage der Bahn wirkt, daß sichergestellt ist, daß die Bahn nach Entfernen der Bahn aus der kraftbeaufschlagten Stellung dieser Einrichtung bis zum nächsten Wiederauftreten der Sperreinrichtungen frei abwickelbar ist.

5. Rolle nach Anspruch 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die die Haftkraft ausübende Einrichtung durch einen Streifen (24) erzeugt wird, der auf einem oder auf beiden Endstücken (25) der Rolle (14) befestigt ist, und auf jede einzelne Materiallage wirkt.

6. Rolle nach Anspruch 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die die auf die Materialbahn (21) wirkende Haltekraft erzeugende Vorrichtung durch mindestens eine Verformung 26 geschaffen ist, die sich vorzugsweise radial über mindestens eine Endfläche (25) der Rolle (14) erstreckt.

7. Rolle nach Anspruch 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die die auf die Materialbahn (21) wirkende Haltekraft erzeugende Vorrichtung durch Klebepunkte (27) geschaffen ist, die auf der Materialbahn vorzugsweise in gleichen Abständen voneinander angebracht sind.

8. Rolle nach Anspruch 4, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Haltekraft durch einen Federdraht (36) ausgeübt wird, der auf der Rolle (14) angebracht ist und radial gegen die Materialbahn drückt.

Revendications

1. Dispositif de distribution destiné à être utilisé avec un rouleau (14) d'une bande de matériau (21), ladite bande étant telle que son poids est suffisant pour provoquer le déroulement de la bande depuis le rouleau lorsque le rouleau est en position verticale, ledit dispositif de distribution comportant un moyen (13) pour supporter le rouleau dans la position verticale, et étant muni d'une ouverture (12) au niveau de son extrémité inférieure depuis laquelle la bande peut être distribuée, caractérisé en ce que le dispositif de distribution est muni avec au moins un bras d'arrêt soumis à l'action d'un ressort (28, 33) qui, sous l'influence de l'action dudit ressort est pressé contre la paroi interne ou externe dudit rouleau (14), et ainsi empêche la bande de se dérouler librement depuis le rouleau, ledit bras d'arrêt (28, 33) étant susceptible de se déplacer au moyen d'un bras de manoeuvre (34, 32) contre l'action dudit ressort depuis son contact avec la paroi dudit rouleau, et relâchant ainsi la bande pour sa distribution.

2. Dispositif de distribution selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que le bras d'arrêt soumis à l'action d'un ressort (28, 33) est disposé de manière à exercer une pression contre l'extrémité supérieure du rouleau (14).

3. Dispositif de distribution selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, caractérisé en ce que le dispositif de distribution comprend en outre un

élément de guidage (31, 35) qui guide le rouleau (14) suivant une direction opposée à celle suivant laquelle le bras soumis à l'action d'un ressort (28, 33) exerce une pression sur le rouleau.

4. Rouleau (14) d'une bande de matériau (21) destiné à être utilisé avec un dispositif de distribution comportant un moyen (13) pour supporter le rouleau dans une position verticale, et étant muni au niveau de son extrémité inférieure d'une ouverture (12) depuis laquelle la bande peut être distribuée, ladite bande étant telle que son poids est suffisant pour provoquer le déroulement de la bande depuis le rouleau lorsque le rouleau est dans une position verticale, un moyen (24, 26, 27, 36) étant en outre prévu afin d'appliquer sur le rouleau une force de maintien qui empêche la bande de se dérouler librement depuis le rouleau, caractérisé en ce que la force de maintien est exercée par un moyen (24, 26, 27, 36) disposé radialement le long d'au moins une surface d'extrémité du rouleau (14) ou étant adjacent à au moins une de ses surfaces d'extrémité, et de telle sorte qu'il agit sur chaque couche de bande, assurant ainsi qu'après un arrachement de la bande depuis la position d'action de ce moyen, la bande peut se dérouler librement jusqu'à une rencontre suivante avec le moyen de maintien.

5. Rouleau selon la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que le moyen qui fournit la force de maintien est muni d'un cordon (24) d'un matériau adhésif fixé à une ou à deux faces d'extrémité (25) du rouleau (14) et agit sur chaque couche de bande séparée.

6. Rouleau selon la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que le moyen fournissant la force de maintien agissant sur la bande (21) est fourni par au moins une zone de déformation (26) qui s'étend de préférence radialement au-dessus d'au moins une face d'extrémité (25) du rouleau (14).

7. Rouleau selon la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que le moyen fournissant la force de maintien agissant sur la bande (21) est muni de points adhésifs (27) appliqués sur la bande à des distances de préférence équidistantes les unes des autres.

8. Rouleau selon la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que le moyen fournissant la force de maintien est muni d'un fil élastique (36) fixé au rouleau (14) et adapté pour exercer une pression suivant une direction radiale contre la bande.

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FIG 1

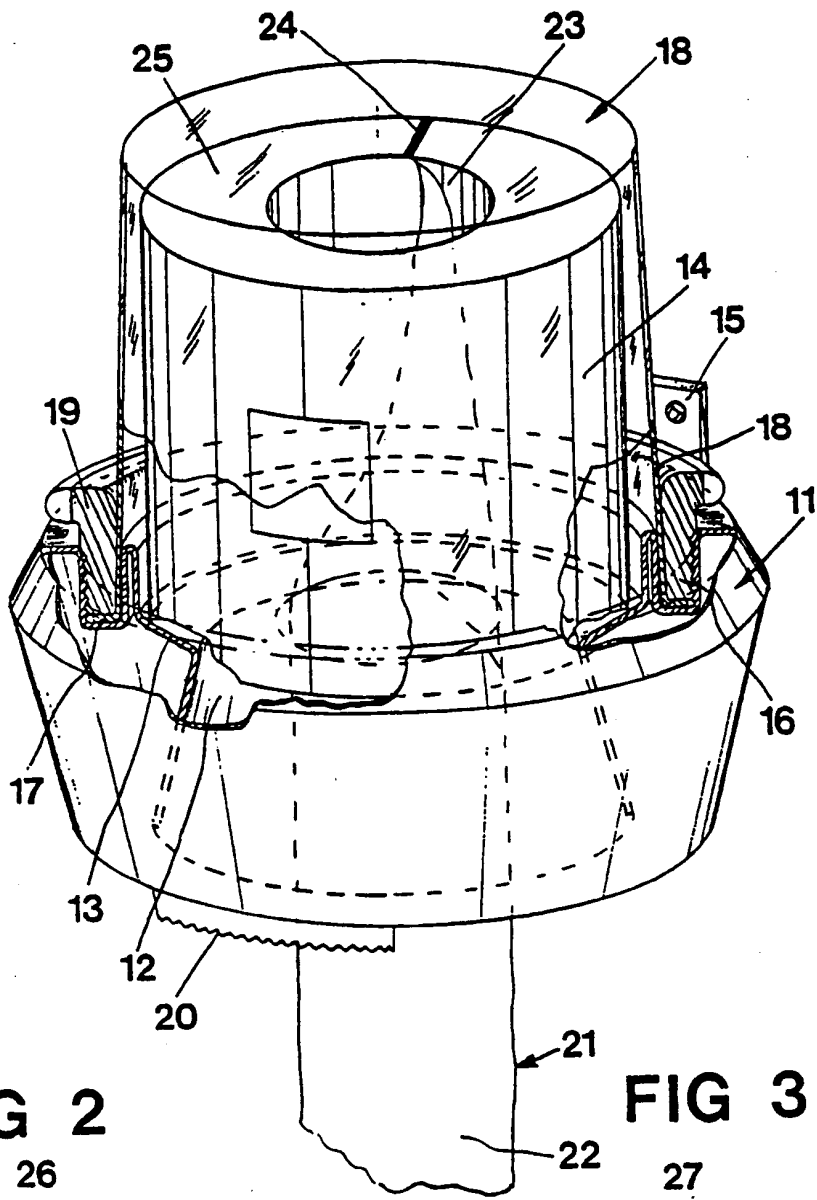


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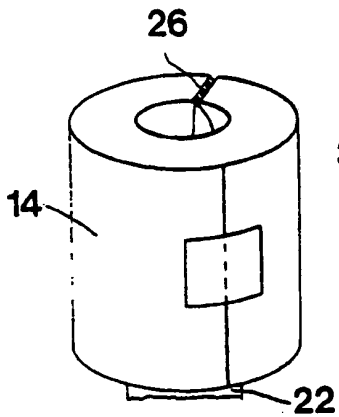


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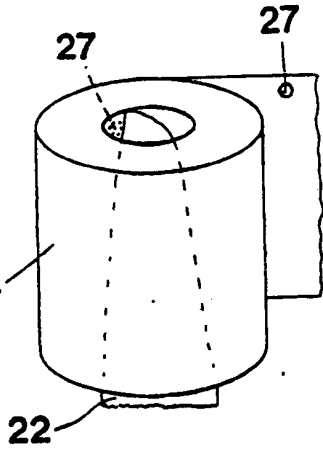
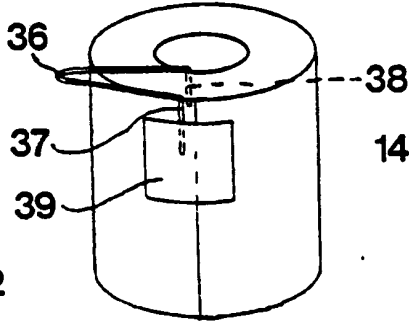
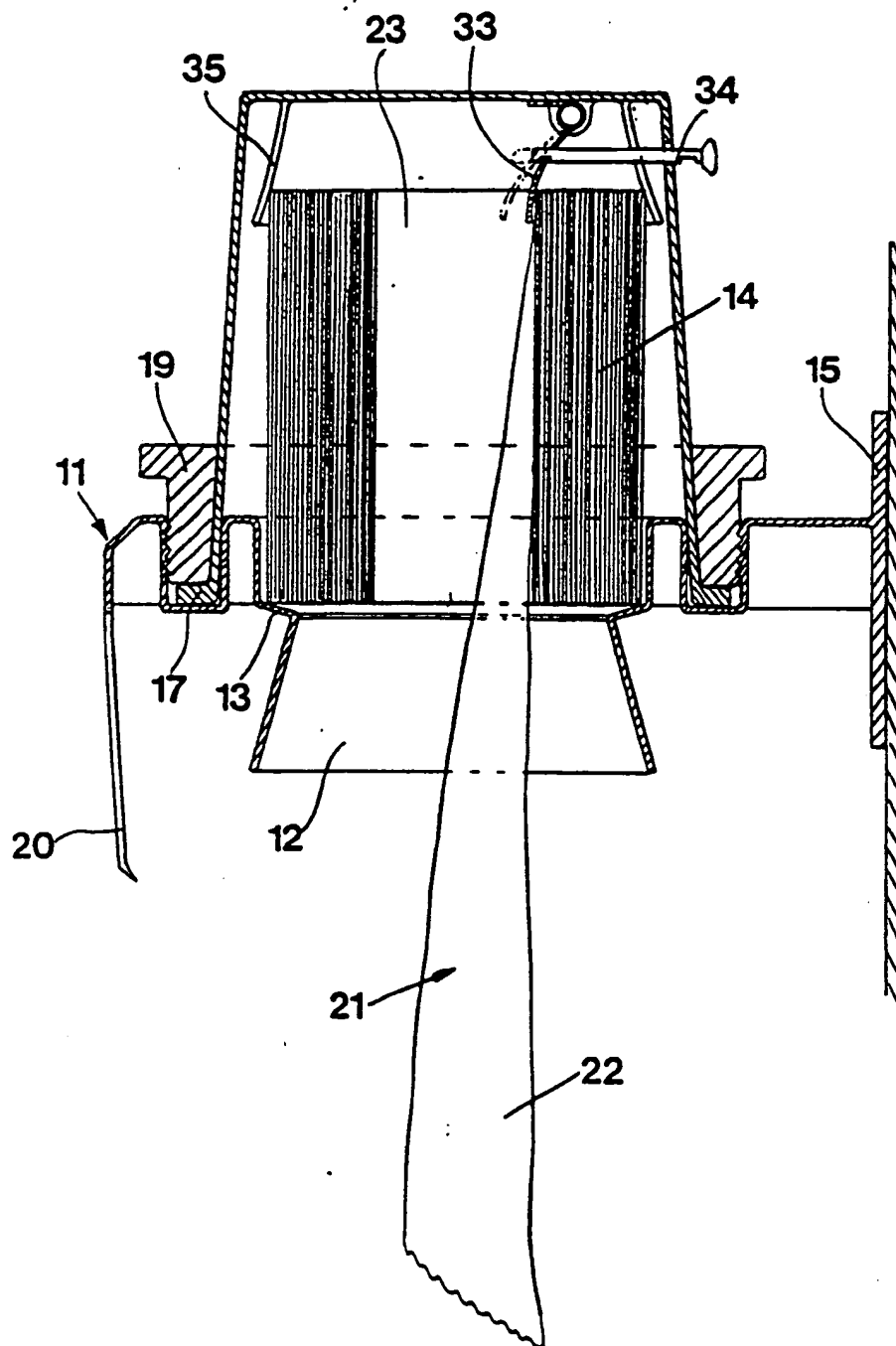


FIG 6



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FIG 5



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FIG 4

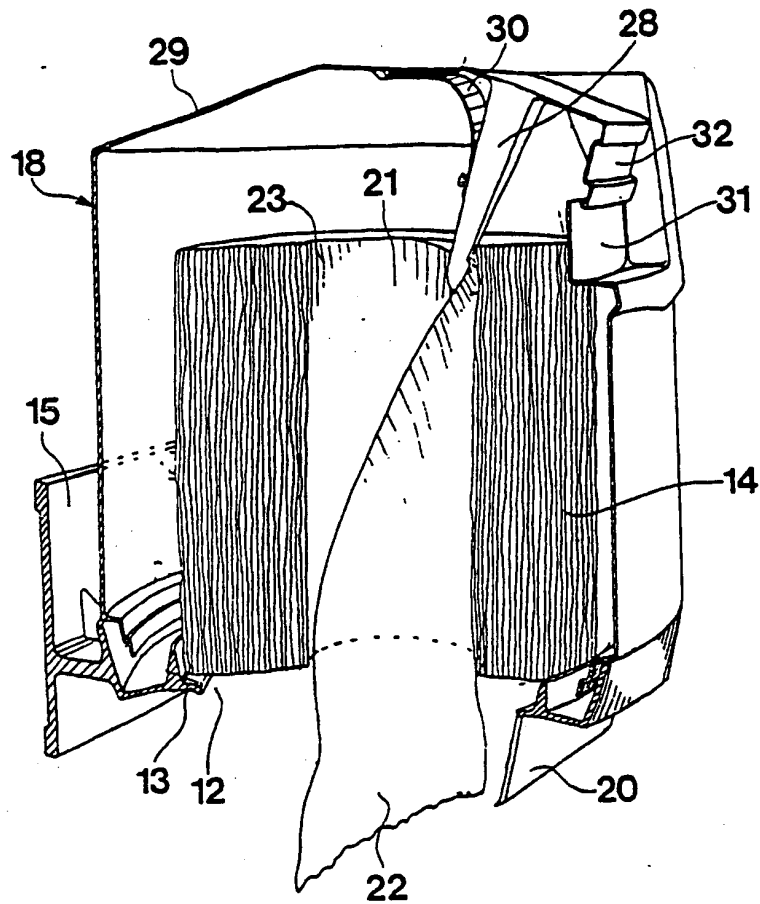


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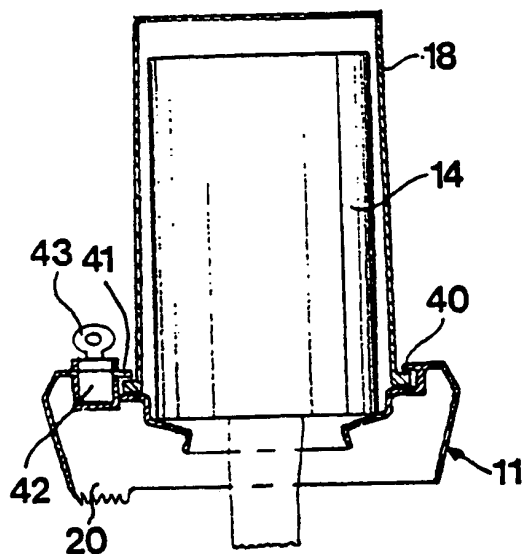


FIG 8

